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Applicant: Billings-Medel, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1642
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For: Reagents and Methods Useful For)
Detecting Diseases of the)
Gastrointestinal Tract)
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 6, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: